

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Online Meeting Held at:

San Ysidro Community Activity Center
179 Diza Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Mailing Address is:

179 Diza Road
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Members Present:

Felipe Muro
Juan Lopez
Martin Ortega
Rosa Ruesga

City Staff:

Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director
Erek Estrada, Area Manager
Yvette Zamudio, Assistant Center Director
Gerardo Ramirez, CD8 Representative

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Victoria Barba
Obed Ferrari
Enrique Duran
Ricardo Herrera

Guests:

Lidia Marshall

CALL TO ORDER:

Center Director Robert Lara called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and conducted roll call to all individuals in attendance to introduce themselves by name and organization.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (J. Lopez / R. Ruesga) to accept the minutes as presented with the amendment to include Ricky’s discussion with District Manager Manuel Gonzalez. The discussion referenced the purchase of youth sports uniforms for Cesar Chavez Community Center dating back several years that never materialized. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

MAYOR’S OFFICE REPORT:

None

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:

Council District Representative Gerardo Ramirez reported the following on behalf of Councilwoman Vivian Moreno:

- Borderview YMCA on Arey Drive is offering COVID-19 vaccines. No appointment is necessary for the walk-in site. Vaccinations will be offered Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- A FREE dumpster drop-off event has been scheduled for March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 125 Cypress Drive where residents can dispose of unwanted items.
- City of San Diego is offering a rental and utility emergency assistance program to help low income families who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. Applications are now being accepted online at www.CovidAssistance.SDHC.org

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Robert Lara offered to email a copy of the latest reports with next month's agenda and minutes.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

None

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORT:

- Martin Ortega of Sunday Adult Soccer informed everyone he is working on submitting his documents to staff in preparation for permitting on reopening fields for adult sports use. He asked staff about the field conditions at Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park.
- Ricky Duran of Atlante FC informed staff he would not be on the zoom call for this meeting. He was on a conference call with Presidio on the steps the association need to take to move forward with spring league starting on March 20.

COMMUNITY REPORT:

None

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Recreation Center Director Mari Jo Ricanor reported the following for Cesar Chavez Community Center:

- Staff will run a virtual PS4 video tournament for teens March 9 to March 12. The top two players from the tournament will advance to the championship the following week.
- Parks will be closed in observance of Cesar Chavez Day holiday on March 31.
- Staff will start issuing field permits for adult use. Adults will need to submit documents to staff that follow the CDC and County of San Diego reopening guidelines for outdoor sports use.
- Due to COVID-19, staff will not be hosting the annual spring egg hunt at Larsen Field. Instead, staff will lead a FREE egg scavenger hunt outdoors March 8 to April 1. Participants will search for eggs at various parks and submit the answer to claim their prize during a treat 'grab and go' event April 2 from 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Cesar Chavez Community Center main parking lot. Treat bags and prizes are limited.

Recreation Center Director Robert Lara reported the following for San Ysidro Community Activity Center:

- Facility will be closed in observance of Cesar Chavez Day holiday on March 31.
- Staff continues to distribute FREE 'to go' meals through April 30 on Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Staff is conducting a FREE yoga virtual class on zoom. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Registration is on Active Net. Please contact Robert for more information on how to register.

Area Manager EreK Estrada reported the following for the San Ysidro area parks:

- Staff is working on a beautification project located at 268 East Park Boulevard. Staff are removing blue agave cactus plants and replacing them with plants that are safer and landscape manageable.
- Aztec Landscape is working on landscape improvements at Coral Gate Neighborhood Park. The City is in its final planning stages regarding playground improvements at this park.
- The Beyer Park project continues in its planning stages. Several community meetings have taking place allowing the community to give ideas and feedback to the City regarding park amenities. Another update will be reported at next month's meeting.
- The City's Arts Commission is working with staff on a fruit tree planting project. It is in the early stages of planning. The project will take place in an area of East Park between the tennis and basketball courts.
- Staff continue to work on park improvements in the San Ysidro area. There have been visible improvements in the parks due to irrigation, turf and landscape maintenance. Gopher eradication is still happening at Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park and Larsen Field.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- On March 11 at 4:00 p.m., staff will host a meeting via zoom to discuss field permit use for youth and adult sports based on new CDC and County of San Diego guidelines. Please contact Robert Lara if you are interested in attending this meeting. Links to the website containing the information for discussion will be emailed out for your review.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Center Director Robert Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday April 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm via online Zoom meeting.

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

Mari Jo Ricanor
Recreation Center Director

Erek Estrada
Area Manager

Felipe Muro
Chairperson